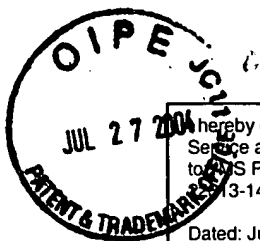


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Docket No.: 546322000303
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Michael W. GRAHAM et al.

Application No.: 10/646,070

Confirmation No.: 8796

Filed: August 22, 2003

Art Unit: 1632

For: CONTROL OF GENE EXPRESSION

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

MS Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Petition to Make Special the above-identified patent application.

In support of this Petition, the applicants submit the following statement:

1. The invention provides novel synthetic genes and genetic constructs which are capable of repressing, delaying, or otherwise reducing the expression of an endogenous gene or a target gene in an organism when introduced thereto.
2. The invention can be used to repress, delay, or otherwise reduce the expression of genes, such as genes involved in replication and reproduction, which are essential in the life cycle of viral pathogens such as immunodeficiency viruses.

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3. By repressing the expression of genes essential in the life cycle of immunodeficiency viruses, the invention will contribute to the treatment or prevention of HIV/AIDS.

Accordingly, applicants request that this Petition to Make Special based on the contribution of this invention to the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of HIV/AIDS under MPEP 708.02 X be granted and the application undergo accelerated examination.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-1952 in the amount of \$130.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) or (i). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing No. **546322000303**. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: July 27, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
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1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
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1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid
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1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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